

CIA Viet Paper Is Called 'One Man's Opinion'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (UPI).—High administration officials said today that a central intelligence Agency document declaring that victory over the Communists in South Viet Nam is doubtful and that eventually it may be necessary to make a "neutralization" deal, does not represent U.S. policy.

The 45-page paper, prepared by Williard Matthias of CIA's Board of National Estimates attempts to assess development in various parts of the world within the framework of the Soviet-American power relationship.

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It was written early this year. It has been circulated among various government agencies with a notation that it had "general approval" of the CIA board which had, however, made no attempt "to reach complete agreement on every point of it."

Administration officials were obviously disturbed by the possible political implications of the document at this time inasmuch as Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater is charging them with a "no win" foreign policy.

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They said they wanted to emphasize that the paper had never been presented to, or considered by, President Johnson's National Security Council or the top level U.S. intelligence estimate board.

Official sources disclosed existence of the document when they learned it had been offered for publication as a major outline of American policy. They asserted that this was not true and that the ideas were, as one official put it, "only one man's opinion."

Aside from the Viet Nam neutralization reference, the document appeared to be a routine summary of the obvious changes brought about by the nuclear stalemate of terror between Russia and the United States, complicated by the Red Chinese-Russian ideological conflict.